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2. Mr. Ohly of MSA informed me that the above matter has arisen out of MSA presentation before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee which is considering the MSA authorization act for the current year. MSA is seeking authorization for some confidential funds and someone on the Committee stated that they had had them in the past, whereupon Senator Ferguson inquired as to how such funds had been expended previously. Mr. Ohly agrees with our proposed procedure outlined above, but will await final word from either Mr. Wisner or myself before contacting Senator Ferguson. He foresees no problem but would like to talk with Senator Ferguson on 21 May and also seek to have the questions expunged from the record.

3. In accordance with the verbal instructions from the DCI, I talked with Senator Humphrey regarding his request for a report and analysis of the Moscow Conference of the Communist Party. The Senator stated that he felt the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and he as a member thereof were not being given enough data with which to form an opinion on necessary legislation. I explained to him the reasons why we could not make such material available and that as the matter was basically political information data on this question should

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STAT be secured from the Department of State. He will suggest that a State Department official brief the Committee in this connection. In accordance with instructions, I also informed him that we would be glad to see him on a confidential basis if he felt that he would like to stop by and discuss the Russian situation with us. He said he did not feel that it would be necessary, that he understood our position perfectly, but that if he did have any questions he would be in touch with us on a personal and confidential basis. (It should be noted that Senator Humphrey has always been extremely friendly and helpful to CIA). In addition, we are placing the Senator on the distribution list for [redacted] for which he is extremely grateful.

25X1 4. I have informed Mr. Scott, Assistant Clerk of the Senate Appropriations Committee, that after careful study of the employment application of [redacted]

[redacted] we have been unable to find an opening for [redacted]

Mr. Scott expressed regrets and appreciation for our assistance.

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